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KRISHNA POWER PROJECT
SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the execution of 110 MW Upper Krishna Power project near Alamatti and Narayanpura reservoirs in Karnataka has been delayed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite the execution of this power project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b): The 110 MW Upper Krishna Power project referred to in the question appears to be the Upper Krishna HydroElectric Project Stage-I(297 MW) at Almatti Dam and Upper Krishna Stage-II (around 810 MW) comprising four powerstations in cascade downstream of Almatti Dam (below Narayanpura Barrage).The total power component under the Upper Krishna project (Stage-I& Stage-II) is thus around 1107 MW.The project has been delayed mainly due to the inter-state disputes between the states of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra pertaining toraising the height of the Almatti Dam. Due to this, the project was not considered for according Techno-Economic Clearance (TEC)by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA),who returned the detailed project report (DPR) on 11.11.1996 mainly due to non-resolution of the inter-state aspects.

(c): The Hon`ble Supreme Court in its judgment delivered on 25.4.2000 has allowed Karnataka to raise the height of Almatti Dam from 509 meters to 519.6 meters. Subsequent to the above judgement delivered by the Apex Court, the Government of Karnataka have given permission to the promoters to go ahead with necessary actions for developing the project with a reservoir level at 519.6 meters for the Almatti Dam and have asked them to prepare and finalise the DPR. The promoters haveinformed that the Central Water Commission has also since given its clearance to the above dam height of 519.6 meters.